Control over working of Nursing Homes

5650. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Nursing home in Delhi had recently removed kidney from the body of a state level player who was suffering from stone ailment as has been brought out in the Jansatta of 21st February, 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government enquired into the matter and if so, with what results; and

(c) how is it ensured that such Nursing homes do not resort to such undesirable incidents and there is a proper control over their working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An enquiry conducted by the Directorate of Health Services, Delhi State, has revealed that the kidney was removed as a life-saving measure, with prior awareness of the relatives and attendants and consent of the patient, as it was found to be diseased.

(c) Does not arise.

Eradication of Leprosy

5651. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government for the eradication of leprosy:

(b) the programme which is being implemented therefor:

(c) whether World Bank is providing aid for the purpose.:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the target date set on the eradication of leprosy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (e) Government of India have launched a National Leprosy Eradication Programme with the objective of elimination of Leprosy by the end of the century by reducing the incidence to less than 1 per 10,000 population. World Bank has also agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 302 crores for a 6 years project for this programme.

Tuberculosis Control Programme

5652. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nationwide tuberculosis control programme is in doldrums and the number of cases of T.B. victims is increaseing year after year;

(b) what are the reasons for the failure of the programme; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to streamline the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) No Sir. Mortality due to T.B. has come down from about 80 per 1,00,000 to 50 per 1,00,000. The main reason for continued high prevalence, with about 1.5% of population suffering from active T.B. is the difficulty of ensuring the full course of treatment extending to eighteen months in the case of conventional therapy and six to eight months with short course chemotherapy.

It is intended to focus on achieving high cure rate through treat-

ment of the infectious sputum positive cases with supervised short course chemotherapy in order to reduce the risk of infection.

Setting up of Nursing Homes in Delhi by business houses

5653. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an increasing number of business houses are setting up nursing homes in Delhi as part of their business ventures;

(b) whether many of these nursing homes are charging exorbitant fees from the patients and the services are not upto the standard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that out of 124 registered nursing homes, 7 have been set up by business houses.

(b) No such complaint has been received by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

Epilepsy as a ground for Divorce

5654. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Epilepsy is still a ground for divorce under the Indian divorce laws ;

(b) whether the world Congress of Neurology held in New Delhi in 1989-90 had recommended the withdrawal of epilepsy as a ground for divorce; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 as well as the Special Marriage Act, 1954 having recurrent attacks of insanity or epilepsy at the time of marriage is a ground for grant of a decree of nullity of the marriage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have consulted the State Governments/Union Territory Administration on the proposal to delete reference to epilepsy in the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and the Special Marriage Act, 1954. The matter is under active consideration and a decision will be taken in consultation with the other concerned Ministries.

यूनानी दवाइयों के लिए क्रय मंत्रणा समिति

5655. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यूनानी दवाओं के संबंध में क्रय मंत्रणा समिति का वर्तमान स्वरूप और संघटन क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त समिति में वरिष्ठ डाक्टरों को शामिल नहीं किया गया है ;

(ग) उक्त समिति में लोगों को शामिल करने के लिए मानदंड क्या है ;

(घ) क्या इस संबंध में कतिपय आपत्तियां भी प्राप्त हुई हैं ;